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COL. HARVEY OUT FOR HUGHES.

HOW THE STATES AID ROADS.

Action by the recent Civic Convention at Hilo favoring a modified form of the "state aid" system for road construction in the islands puts a considerably body of public sentiment in Hawaii in line with what other American communities are doing.

A bulletin from the U. S. department of agriculture emphasizes the immense strides which public road construction has made in the last 12 years, and particularly what good use has been made of state funds.

Rapid increase in total expenditures for roads and bridges, growth of building and maintenance activities under state supervision, and a sharp decrease in the proportion of contributions in the form of statute labor are brought out by statistics for the calendar year 1915.

The total length of public roads in the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities was about 2,452,000 miles on January 1, 1916. Of this, about 277,000 miles, or 11.3 per cent, were improved with some form of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads has been increasing at the rate of about 16,000 miles a year, and in 1915 approximately one-half of this increase was made under the supervision of state highway departments. In addition these departments supervised the maintenance of nearly 52,000 miles of main and trunk line roads.

The increase in expenditures for road and bridge work in the United States has been from approximately \$80,000,000 per year in 1904 to about \$282,000,000 in 1915, an increase of more than 250 per cent. The expenditure of state funds during this same period increased from about \$2,550,000 to more than \$53,000,000. In addition, more than \$27,000,000 of local funds was spent under state supervision in 1915, bringing the total road and bridge expenditures managed by the states to \$80,514,699. This amount is greater than the total expenditures for roads and bridges from all sources in 1904.

The growth in importance of the state highway departments has been rapid. The first of these agencies was created in 1891 in New Jersey and now some form of highway department exists in every state except Indiana, South Carolina and Texas. Since their inception these departments had expended to January 1, 1916, an aggregate of \$265,350,825 in state funds for road and bridge construction, maintenance and administration. They had constructed over 60,000 miles of roads in cooperation with the states. More than 40,000 miles of these roads were surfaced.

The falling off in the value of road work performed by statute and convict labor was from \$20,000,000 in 1904 when the total road expenditures were \$80,000,000, to about \$15,000,000 in 1915 when the total expenditures had grown to \$282,000,000. This was a reduction from 25 per cent of the total in the former year to less than 5 1-2 per cent of the total in 1915.

An increase in the use of better and more expensive types of roads also is shown by the recently compiled statistics. This development has been due, in large part, to the great increase in automobile traffic. It is estimated that there are now approximately 2 1-2 million automobiles in use on the roads of the country, or 1 car for every mile of road. This present motor traffic is in excess of traffic of all sorts 12 years ago.

The cash road and bridge expenditures of the United States averaged only \$28 per mile of rural roads in 1904. In 1915 this average had grown to \$109 per mile. New Jersey led all other states both in 1904 and in 1915 with \$221 and \$475 per mile respectively. Nevada made the least expenditure in both years—\$3.72 per mile in 1904 and \$17 per mile in 1915.

This is Columbus Day. Four hundred and twenty-four years ago Skipper Christopher took a look over the port bow and started the slogan "See America First."

Lemberg may fall but our old friend Przemysl is still across the path.

Just put down Abe Louissou as a very lively "also ran."

JUDGE ASHFORD HALTS COURT PROCEEDINGS TO HEAR BASEBALL SCORE

"Now, gentlemen, we will postpone things for a moment to hear how the baseball game is going."

After Circuit Judge Ashford had made the foregoing statement from the bench during the trial of a case in his court yesterday, he reached over and took from a Star-Bulletin reporter a slip of paper. Having perused the writing on the paper, the judge smiled and then announced: "Boston 4, Brooklyn 2, and the end of the fourth inning."

There was a ripple of subdued applause over the courtroom. Those among the attorneys who are backing Boston smiled in triumph. The backers of Brooklyn looked worried. The judge gave them a moment to think it over and then called court to order again.

Judge Ashford, being an ardent baseball fan, was furnished by the Star-Bulletin with the returns of today's game, and this part of the speedy service which this paper has been furnishing the fans was appreciated. Which all goes to show that, even

Col. George Harvey, the militant editor of the North American Review, devotes a large part of that scholarly publication, current number to letting his picturesque language flow for Hughes and against Wilson.

Col. Harvey, be it known, was the first to propose Woodrow Wilson for president. It was in 1906 and he proposed him again in 1910 and 1914. Until well along in 1913 he never let an opportunity pass to praise him. Then there was a break. It came because the editor was requested to "go easy" for fear of offending the Bryanites.

Now Col. Harvey is out squarely for Hughes. His article is far too long for reproduction and mere summary robs it of picturesqueness. Here is part of it:

"It is no disparagement of Mr. Wilson to say (whatever may be thought of his unenviable position at home) that he has no friends abroad. But even though his misfortune be one of uncontrollable circumstance rather than of wavering ineptitude, the fact exists and must be reckoned with, that in all Europe he is the one most mistrusted and contemned of men, whose tender of aid in the name of justice, fairness and humanity would be rejected unanimously with derision and scorn.

"As a purely practical matter, then, if we would indeed serve mankind, we may not disregard the vital consideration that the way of opportunity is barred to Mr. Wilson and is wide open to Mr. Hughes, who in consequence of his previous immolation stands alone among our public men as uncommitted and unsuspected and who is known to the outside world only as a great and just judge versed in the affairs of nations and alive to the needs of humankind.

"Such are the living issues as we perceive them. Of the personal attributes and characteristics of the respective candidates it is not necessary now and may not become necessary at all to speak, further than to say plainly that the utter absence of self-seeking on the part of Mr. Hughes throughout his entire career confirms the belief that he does in fact, from the very nature of his being, stand for America first, while no less surely and most disappointingly the happenings of the past two years, culminating in the betrayal of his country for the gratification of personal ambition, prove incontestably that Mr. Wilson stands for Wilson first."

Probably Honolulu has to have a certain amount of domestic fighting, just as man is proverbially supposed to eat a certain amount of dirt during his existence. We have apparently settled the federal building site squabble in an unmarked and unregretted grave, but here is the Hillebrand Glen sarcophagus to take its place. It gives promise of occupying many columns of newspaper space and furnishing irritating repartee for public officials during the years to come.

It used to stamp anybody as a war expert who could talk about the Fokker and the Gallipoli campaign, but now he has to be up on Rumanian strategy and the exact character of the British "tanks." One consolation for Hawaii as election day in November draws near is that a good many of the undesirables didn't survive the primaries.

No, Anxious Reader, Honolulu will not be able to celebrate the completion of Kalakaua avenue on Kalakaua Day, November 16. We shall be lucky if the job gets started by that time.

Candidate Hughes may be about two runs behind in the sixth inning but most of the political fans suspect that the Democratic pitcher is beginning to slip.

The fall tourist traffic is beginning. Honolulu needs to bestir itself to have sufficient hotel and boarding-house accommodations for the winter and spring.

Perhaps those Copenhagen bargainers will now mark down the Danish West Indies to \$24,999,999.98 as slightly shopworn after the cyclone.

It looks to us like Wrist-Watchful Waiting.

J. N. S. WILLIAMS IS ELECTED AS DIRECTOR

At a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday afternoon J. N. S. Williams was elected director in place of S. S. Paxson, resigned.

It is considered probable that he will be made chairman of the public utilities committee for which he is particularly fitted by reason of his former service on the territorial public utilities commission.

Funeral services for Mrs. Roger J. Taylor, who died Wednesday afternoon at the Queen's Hospital, will be at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Williams' undertaking parlors. The body will be cremated and the ashes forwarded to the mainland. Mrs. Taylor was the wife of Deputy Collector Taylor of the customs service and was born in Fargo, N. D., 31 years ago. Before her marriage she was a nurse at Palama Settlement. There are no

TRAIL AND MOUNTAIN CLUB WILL OFFER 'ROUND ISLAND TRIP

For Sunday the Trail and Mountain Club plans an island-encircling trip. Its big, comfortable auto-bus will leave the corner of Fort and Merchant streets at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, make short stops at the Fall and Haleiwa, etc., and a long stop at the foot of the Kaliuwa trail, near Hauula, giving the excursionists time to tramp up to the Sacred Falls. These falls are little visited by the regular round-the-island parties, but the Trail and Mountain Club makes it a point to have its excursionists see beauty spots off the beaten track.

Not only club members but visitors in the city and home people are invited to make the trip. The cost will be \$1.75 for the round trip, and reservations may be made by phone (2989) or by calling at the Pan-Pacific rooms, corner Fort and Merchant streets.

children. Her parents are in California. Exports of general merchandise at the port of New York, Wednesday, totaled \$23,014,710.

LAYING PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FINAL CAMPAIGN

G. O. P. and Bourbons Need \$6000 and \$3000 Respectively, Says Report

Ways and means of financing the forthcoming political campaigns are being discussed this week by both Republicans and Democrats, and according to candidates are forming the most important questions for the present consideration of the central committees.

With the general election less than a month away, it is reported that, thus far, the Republicans have taken no definite action toward raising funds, but the Democrats have started a financial campaign and had men at work today.

Ell J. Crawford, secretary of the Republican central committee, says that the Republicans will need at least \$6000 to finance their campaign, this amount having been settled upon at a meeting of the executive committee last night in the office of R. W. Breckons, national committeeman.

Some of the candidates at the meeting, Crawford says, declared they did not think it right that candidates should solicit funds for their personal campaigns. Another meeting will be held this evening at Republican headquarters, Campbell block, when it is expected the organization of the campaign will be perfected and matters straightened out as to the financial end.

The Republicans may decide to dispense with a campaign manager this fall. At last night's meeting it seemed to be the opinion that a manager is not wanted, but those present left the matter to the discretion of the executive committee.

Finances were discussed at a meeting of the Bourbon central committee last night and another meeting will be held tomorrow evening. Two candidates interviewed a number of Democrat voters today, explaining that they were paving the way for the financial campaign.

One of the candidates told the Star-Bulletin that the Democrats would need a fund equal to about half that of the Republicans, or about \$3000.

PERSONALITIES

CHARLES R. FRAZIER left for the southern islands today in the Mauna Kea.

MRS. MYRTLE FAY arrived in the Matsonia from San Francisco, with the intention of making her home here.

DR. R. D. WILLIAMS, president of the Mid-Pacific Institute, and Mrs. Williams are visiting on the island of Kauai.

MISS LUCY SOPER of Waihee, Maui, will make her home in Honolulu with her niece and nephews, Miss Elvira Soper and Thomas, George and Edwin Soper.

MAJ-GEN. W. A. KOBBE, retired officer of the United States army, will arrive in the transport Thomas this evening, together with Mrs. Kobbe. Their residence is at Pasadena, Cal.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of public works, will sail on the Matsonia tonight for Hilo, where he goes to investigate drainage work in the big Waiolama reclamation project.

WILLARD E. BROWN, treasurer and manager of the Bishop Trust Company, returned from San Francisco on the Matsonia. Mrs. Brown remained on the mainland to spend Christmas.

AMBROSE PATTERSON, the artist, begins this afternoon an exhibition of his paintings and pastels in his new studio on the old Allen premises, between Alakea and Richards streets. Invitations have been issued for every day this week from 4 to 10 p. m. The auto entrance is on Richards street, opposite the Capitol.

Dr. LeRoy C. Cooley, professor of physics at Vassar college from 1874 to 1907, is dead.

GOVERNOR SETS NOVEMBER 17 AS ARBOR DAY DATE

In Proclamation Published Today Asks Public Schools to Hold Exercises

Friday, November 17, 1916, has been set aside by Governor Pinkham as Arbor and Conservation Day for the territory of Hawaii. In a proclamation published today the governor urges that appropriate exercises be held in all the schools and that a portion of the day be given over to planting trees and shrubs. The proclamation follows:

"The practice now widespread on the mainland of setting aside one day each year as Arbor Day, began in Hawaii 11 years ago. Since then here as well as elsewhere, the larger movement for the conservation and development of all natural resources, of which Arbor Day represents only one phase, has made great progress.

"Seven years ago, in consequence of the quickening of the public conscience and interest in these matters and the practical results therefrom in the inauguration and extension of active work along these lines, the scope of the day was enlarged.

"Accordingly, I hereby designate Friday, the 17th day of November, 1916, as Arbor and Conservation Day for the Territory of Hawaii, and recommend that on that day appropriate exercises be held in all the schools of the territory and that a part of the day be devoted to the planting of trees and shrubs.

"LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,

"Governor."

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—ARTHUR McDUFFIE: The boys who broke into the election booth in Punahou were probably in search of the voters who registered and did not vote.

—GEORGE H. PAUL, inspector at custom house: Talking about higher wages for waterfront workers, I rise to remark that the salaries of customs inspectors have not been raised since 1854.

—"NICK" CARTER, Harbor Police: Believe me, no one wishes the stevedores' strikes to end any more than we do. When trouble seems likely we have to be on the job about 16 hours or more a day.

—JOHN HILLS: I would like to be called in court some time to tell just how disgustingly drunk many of the defendants are that I bring in and a little about their actions. Possibly their penalties might be a trifle more severe.

—ATTORNEY WILLIAM SHELDON: My customary bouquet is missing today because I was waylaid on the street car by a couple of tiny pirates in the form of my two nieces on their way to school who appropriated the flowers.

—JAMES T. TAYLOR: To my mind the Hillebrand Glen project, which is at present occupying so much time before the loan fund commission, is the cheapest and most practical of all the plans proposed for supplying Honolulu with pure water.

—E. H. EHRHORN, chairman of the Outrigger Canoe Club house committee: I think we will give a dance on our dancing lanai about Saturday, November 4. We plan to make the dances a regular affair once a month through the fall and winter.

—ATTORNEY WILLIAM RAWLINS: Even defendants in the police court are talking baseball. One was so interested in a discussion of the respective merits of Boston and Brooklyn while awaiting trial in the court corridor this morning that he did not hear his name, called several times.

Wright Huntington, an actor and stock company manager, dropped dead in Cincinnati.



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